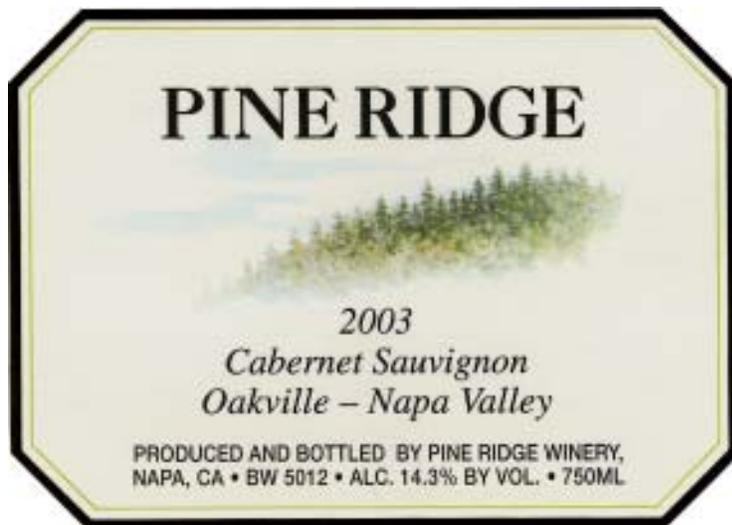


# PINE RIDGE



## 2003 OAKVILLE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**ORIGIN:** Home to some of Napa Valley's premier vineyards, the Oakville appellation is known for its world-famous Cabernet Sauvignon. Balance, good fruit integration and flavors of bright cherry and red berry fruit are hallmarks of wines produced in this appellation. The estate-grown Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon is carefully blended in the Bordeaux style with 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc, 3% Merlot and 1% Malbec.

**VINEYARD:** The Oakville AVA spans the eastern Vaca Range to the Mayacamas Mountains to the west. Grapes grown in the warmer mid-valley temperatures of this appellation, with its gravelly soils combined with clay (the result of old Napa River fans), yield wines of great balance and structure. Our estate vineyard here is planted with clones 7, 8 and 337, on 3 x 12 and 6 x 12 foot spacings. Clone 7 was originally planted in 1988. Select areas of the vineyard are planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Merlot, and Petit Verdot.

**WINEMAKING:** The grapes were harvested the last two weeks of October 2003. The juice was pumped over traditionally and macerated on the skins for up to 33 days before being transferred to barrel for malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged in French oak barrels for 16 months before bottling in April 2005.

**TASTING NOTES:** The nose is met with lush aromas of creamy baked cherry, crushed cranberry, vanilla, boysenberry, cola, milk chocolate and cinnamon bark. This medium bodied wine has pronounced flavors of berries, cherries, spice, currant and toast. A supple entry highlights velvety tannins and the long finish is accented by sweet cream, milk chocolate-covered cherries, vanilla, hints of cedar and toasted oak. The wine may be enjoyed now or cellared for 10 years or more.

The vintage produced 1,742 cases as well as 1.5L, 3L and 6L formats.

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